

# The Eurozone Equity Fund



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## Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term growth by investing in the equities of a relatively small number of companies in European Union member states which have adopted the Euro as their currency (Eurozone). The Fund is actively managed with reference to the MSCI EMU Index (EUR) - Net Returns (the Index) which it seeks to outperform by 2% over the medium to long term. Russell Investments has full discretion to select investments for the Fund. This product is an Article 8 product, as defined under EU regulation - it promotes environmental or social characteristics and invests in companies that follow good governance practices. This product does not have sustainable investment as its objective.

## Fund Update

The Fund underperformed the benchmark in the first quarter. The tilt towards value and away from momentum stocks did not suit the market environment. In sectors, stock selection within industrials (overweight Teleperformance) detracted the most, followed by selection within technology (underweight ASML). However, an underweight to utilities (RWE Aktiengesellschaft) and to L'oreal within consumer staples contributed positively.

## Performance Review %

Performance to period end Returns shown in EUR	1 month	3 months	6 months	Year to Date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Return net of management fee Class C	3.2	5.7	12.3	5.7	10.2	6.6	7.7	-	7.6
MSCI EMU Index (EUR) - Net Returns	4.4	10.3	18.8	10.3	16.7	8.7	9.2	7.2	9.7

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

## Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Returns shown in EUR	31/03/23 31/03/24	31/03/22 31/03/23	31/03/21 31/03/22	31/03/20 31/03/21	31/03/19 31/03/20
Return net of management fee Class C	10.19	5.66	3.91	49.24	-19.67
MSCI EMU Index (EUR) - Net Returns	16.70	8.14	1.83	43.96	-16.02

Returns shown in EUR	31/03/18 31/03/19	31/03/17 31/03/18	31/03/16 31/03/17	31/03/15 31/03/16	31/03/14 31/03/15
Return net of management fee Class C	-	-	-	-	-
MSCI EMU Index (EUR) - Net Returns	-	-	-	-	-

Past performance does not predict future returns.

The current benchmark is the MSCI EMU Index (EUR) - Net Returns. Prior to 1st January 2018 the benchmark was the Russell Dev Euro Zone Large Index NR. Prior to 1st April 2011 the benchmark was MSCI EMU NR. Prior to 1st January 2009, the benchmark was gross of withholding tax, total return

### Fund facts

#### Share Class; Dealing ccy

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#### Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2:00 pm GMT

#### Domicile; Category

Ireland; UCITS

#### Fund size

EUR 174.62m

#### Fund launch date

19 July 2005

#### Share class launch date

30 November 2018

#### Management fee

1.60%

#### ISIN; Bloomberg

IE00BFNS6416; MSEEQC

#### Share class NAV

EUR 57.58m

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## Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	0	224
Price/Earnings	17.1	18.3
Dividend Yield	3.3	3.3
Price to Book	1.9	1.9
EPS Growth (1 Year)	22.4	36.0

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	14.7	14.7
Tracking error	2.5	2.5
Sharpe ratio	0.2	0.2
Information ratio	-0.1	-0.1
3 year return (net)	8.4%	8.7%
3 year excess return (net)	-0.3%	-

## Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
ASML Holding NV	3.6%	6.8%
SAP SE	3.1%	3.5%
TotalEnergies SE	2.2%	2.6%
Sanofi SA	2.2%	1.9%
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	2.1%	4.3%
Moncler SpA	1.9%	0.3%
Siemens AG	1.7%	2.5%
Industria de Diseno Textil SA	1.6%	1.0%
Hermes International SCA	1.6%	1.4%
Publicis Groupe SA	1.6%	0.4%

## Country weight

	Fund	Benchmark
France	30.2%	35.6%
Germany	27.1%	25.6%
Netherlands	12.8%	16.4%
Italy	10.2%	7.3%
Spain	6.5%	7.9%
Finland	4.2%	2.2%
Switzerland	1.5%	0.0%
Belgium	1.4%	2.3%
Ireland	1.4%	1.0%
Austria	1.3%	0.5%

## Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Financials	19.1%	19.2%
Industrials	17.3%	17.2%
Consumer Discretionary	15.2%	15.8%
Information Technology	13.0%	13.9%
Health Care	10.3%	6.8%
Communication Services	5.5%	4.0%
Materials	5.3%	5.5%
Consumer Staples	5.1%	7.1%
Utilities	4.6%	5.3%
Energy	4.6%	4.2%
Real Estate	0.0%	1.0%

## ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	18.0	18.0
Carbon Footprint	71.1	91.2

Source: The portfolio-level ESG Risk Rating is the weighted average of the Sustainalytics' Risk Rating for securities in the portfolio. The Sustainalytics Risk Rating details are available at <https://www.sustainalytics.com/esg-data>. Carbon footprint is the weighted average carbon intensity of the Scope 1 and 2 carbon emission intensity of companies in the portfolio. It is measured in tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e divided by revenue (USD \$M).

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## Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
INVESCO Asset Management Limited	Market-Oriented	20.0%	20.6%
Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG	Growth	20.0%	20.0%
Liontrust Investment Partners LLP	Market-Oriented	20.0%	17.4%
Pzena Investment Management, LLC	Value	20.0%	14.7%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	20.0%	27.3%

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